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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Synchronous Amplitude Modulation For Improved Performance of Optical Transmission Systems** the specification of which was filed on December 20, 1996, as application Serial No. 08/771097.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

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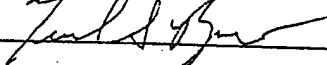
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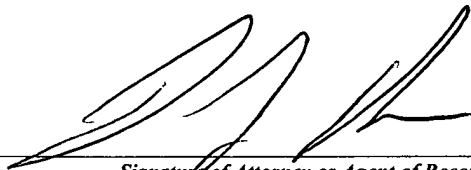
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